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PAIGNTON URBAN DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1966

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I present my Report for 1966 in accordance with instructions issued in Circular 1/67 of the Ministry of Health dated January 1967.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

This again shows an overall increase in spite of the fact that more people died than were born locally and indicates that 341 persons migrated into the area.

The number of inhabited houses increased by 319 to 12,233 giving an average of 2.358 houses per acre. The number of persons per house dropped slightly to 2.572 indicating that provision of housing outstripped population increase.

Births and Deaths

The Standardised Birth Rate at 16.36 is lower than the National Average of 17.7. Nevertheless there were 387 births registered. The standardised Death Rate at 9.88 per thousand population is again lower than the National Rate of 11.7 per thousand. A total of 518 persons died, an excess of 131 over the number of births.

There were 44 illegitimate births and 7 stillbirths, and 11 children died under the age of one year. Most of the adult deaths were due to heart disease and to cancer, with respiratory illness as a runner-up.

GENERAL HEALTH

Old People's Welfare - National Assistance Act, 1948

It was not necessary to use Section 47 of the above Act during the year.

One burial took place under Section 50 of the above Act.

Meals-on-Wheels

A new kitchen for this service was completed in premises at the rear of Paignton Central Clinic 14 Midvale Road and came into use in November.

Detection of Cancer in Women

The Devon County Council opened a cervical cytology clinic at 14 Midvale Road, beginning in April 1966. All women between the ages of 30 and 60 years are advised to book an appointment for the test. The Clinic Clerk at the Paignton Clinic makes the bookings.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Public Health Inspectors again had a very busy year and in addition they "covered" the Brixham Urban District during the illness of the Brixham Inspector. Good progress was made in all sections of their work and in particular with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

In conclusion I wish to record my appreciation of the co-operation received during the year from Councillors and my Colleagues on the Staff.

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Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - 1966

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the Session 1966/67 was Councillor J. C. P. KINGSLAND, C. C., and the Vice-Chairman was Councillor G. K. Foster.

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

TABLE 1

Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Paignton Urban District

31,470 (31,260)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	...	-131 (-125)
Migration in or out	...	...	...	+341 (+385)
Total increase or decrease	...	...	...	+210 (+260)

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area of Paignton Urban District in Acres 5,188

Area of pleasure grounds (acres)	...	...	349,024
Area of foreshore (acres)	...	...	151,300
Length of coastline (miles)			4.58
Coastline owned by Council (miles)			3.66

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book

12,233 (11,914)

Number of Houses per acre	...	...	...	2.358
Number of Persons per acre	...	...	...	6.066
Number of Persons per house	...	...	...	2.572

Rateable Value of District £1,617,112

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £6,515

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

TABLE 2

Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 16.36 (18.39)

Area Comparability Factor for Births 1.33 (1.33)

Number of Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Total	203	184	387
Legitimate	178	165	343
Illegitimate	25	19	44
<u>Number of still births</u>	3	4	7

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population 9.88 (10.52)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths 0.60 (0.59)

Number of Deaths

	Males	Females	Total
<u>All Ages - Total</u>	270	248	518
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	6	5	11
Number under 4 weeks of age	3	2	5
Number under 1 week of age	2	0	2

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 28.34 (16.20)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE: 17.7 (18.1)

DEATH RATE: 11.7 (11.5)

Infantile Mortality Rate 19.0 (19.0)
(Infants under one year of age)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1966

TABLE 1

DISEASE	TOTAL	<u>Age Group in Years</u>					
		Under					Over
		1	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	65
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	5	1	1	3	0	0	0
Measles	361	4	207	148	0	2	0
Dysentery	5	0	2	3	0	0	0
Acute Pneumonia	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tuberculosis (Lungs)	6	0	0	0	1	2	3
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

TABLE 2

DISEASE	TOTAL	<u>Incidence by Quarters</u>			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0	0	1
Whooping Cough	5	0	3	2	0
Measles	361	0	25	183	153
Dysentery	5	0	0	0	5
Acute Pneumonia	1	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (Lungs)	6	2	1	1	2
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	1	0	1	0	0

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

During the year 1273 certificates of Smallpox and Cholera vaccination in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department. The large increase in numbers was due to the United Kingdom being declared an "infected area" under the International Sanitary Regulations arising from the smallpox outbreak in the Midlands. All visitors going abroad

needed to produce a valid International Vaccination Certificate against Smallpox. This requirement for travellers to the Continent of Europe was lifted on August 19th 1966 at the cessation of the outbreak in England.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Dysentery

In November about 60 children at the Roman Catholic School in Cecil Road were affected by diarrhoea. Early in December several cases were diagnosed as Sonne Dysentery. In retrospect it is considered the other cases were also due to Dysentery. Strict hygiene precautions were carried out by the school and the outbreak terminated by the Christmas vacation. During this time over 300 cases of dysentery a week were reported from other parts of the country.

Prevention of Tuberculosis

The Mass X-Ray Unit continued its fortnightly visits throughout the year. Paignton Council have allocated a site for the Unit in the Car Park at Victoria Park which the Unit occupies for approximately one and a half hours per visit. The Unit was well patronised by members of the general public.

Measles

This disease is endemic and large numbers of cases occur in alternate years. An outbreak began at Paignton in the spring of 1966 and continued for the rest of the year.

A vaccine for protection against measles has been produced but it is not yet generally available and is still considered to be experimental. The method of administration of the vaccine is complicated especially if feverish reactions are to be avoided.

Contact of Smallpox

Arising from cases of smallpox (Variola Minor) in the Midlands one holidaymaker who may have been in contact with a confirmed case of smallpox was kept under observation during her stay at Paignton. She remained in good health all the time.

OTHER DISEASES INFORMALLY NOTIFIED

A total of forty-three cases of illness was notified informally through the school health services and by the Torbay Hospital Annexe. Details are shown below:-

January - March

Gastro-Enteritis	2	Whooping Cough	1
Chickenpox	16	Pneumonia	1

April - June

Gastro-Enteritis	2	Viral Meningitis	1
Chickenpox	11	Pneumonia	1
Whooping Cough	1	Mumps	1

July - September

Gastro-Enteritis	1	Mumps	1
Otitis Media	1	Infective Hepatitis	1
Tonsillitis	2		

October - December

No information was received.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1966

<u>Line No.</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
	ALL CAUSES	270	248	518
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	0	2
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	1	0	1
4	Diphtheria	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8	Measles	0	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	0	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	6	1	7
11	" " lungs, bronchus	21	2	23
12	" " breast	1	6	7
13	" " uterus	-	5	5
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	23	27	50
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
16	Diabetes	1	1	2
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	42	49	91
18	Coronary disease, angina	71	49	120
19	Hypertension with heart disease	2	5	7
20	Other heart disease	24	43	67
21	Other circulatory disease	11	10	21
22	Influenza	2	3	5
23	Pneumonia	14	9	23
24	Bronchitis	20	2	22
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	4	0	4
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0
28	Nephritis and neophrosis	0	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	5	-	5
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	0	2	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	25	38
33	Motor vehicle accidents	1	0	1
34	All other accidents	3	5	8
35	Suicide	1	3	4
36	Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR PAIGNTON 1966

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the bacteriological examination of pathological specimens, samples of milk, water, ice cream and shell fish, are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter. (Telephone: Exeter 77833.)

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

The chemical analysis of water and other samples is undertaken by Dr. Cedric V. Reynolds, Public Analyst, 1 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter. (Telephone: Exeter 72836.)

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following are some of the County Council Services available under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

There are six District Nurse/Midwives, four Health Visitors and a Nursing Assistant. Child Welfare Sessions are held at 14 Midvale Road, Paignton (Telephone: 59131) on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons; at the Baptist Church Hall, Preston, Paignton on Wednesday afternoons and on Tuesday afternoons at the Devon County Council Clinic, Smallcombe Road, Foxhole, Paignton. (Telephone: 58194.)

Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisations

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help Service

The Devon County Council Home Help Organiser has an office at the Central Clinic, 14 Midvale Road, Paignton (Telephone: 59131).

This service aims to provide essential domestic help in cases of maternity, sickness, convalescence, old age and infirmity. The service is not free, but persons if unable to pay the full charges, are assessed according to their means.

Ambulance Service

The service is under the general direction of the County Medical Officer but the local administration is carried out by the Paignton St. John Ambulance and Nursing Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council.

Doctors requiring an ambulance are advised to telephone the Ambulance Radio Control Centre at Torquay, Telephone: 39345. However, it is still permissible to telephone the local Ambulance Station at Littlegate Road, Paignton, Telephone: 57602.

For infectious disease other than smallpox, ambulance arrangements are still made by the Torbay Hospital Annexe (Telephone: Torquay 63254), for cases entering the Hospital from the Paignton area.

Special arrangements exist for the treatment of smallpox at Liskeard Smallpox Hospital, Cornwall. Arrangements for transport of such cases are made through Torbay Ambulance Radio Control Centre and the Plymouth City Ambulance Service who will provide the necessary ambulance facilities.

Hospital Car Services

The Hospital Car Service (organised by the S. J. A. B. , B. R. C. S. , and W. R. V. S.) operates under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. It transports sitting cases who can enter or leave a vehicle unaided. Arrangements for a hospital car will be made by the hospital, upon application by a Medical Practitioner.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Workers in Mental Health, Miss O. F. Evans and Mr. W. J. Gliddon, 14 Midvale Road, Paignton. (Telephone: 59131.)

HOSPITAL SERVICES

These are provided by the Torquay and District Hospital Management Committee on behalf of the South-Western Regional Hospital Board.

The Paignton and District Hospital situated at Church Street, Paignton is a General Hospital with an establishment of 51 beds.

There is a Recovery Hospital with 24 beds at Kings Ash, Paignton, with a General Practitioner Staff (as for Paignton Hospital).

The District is also served for general cases by the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, whilst cases of infectious disease (except smallpox) are received at the Torbay Hospital Annexe, Torquay.

Emergency treatment in Hospital of cases of Acute Poisoning may be obtained at the Torbay Hospital, Torquay. A Regional Poisons Bureau is maintained at Guy's Hospital, London.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

There are 19 General Medical Practitioners together with 13 Dentists and a School Dental Clinic in Paignton.

OTHER SERVICES

Nurseries

There are three Day Nurseries in the District. One of them is also a residential nursery.

Old People's Welfare

A number of voluntary agencies including the Guild of Social Service (Telephone: 57604) cater for the needs of old people. The service includes a Meals-on-Wheels service, which operates from premises at the rear of 14 Midvale Road.

Chiropody service

A County Council Chiropodist operates a foot clinic at the Central Clinic 14 Midvale Road, Paignton. Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mothers who may be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Citizen's Advice Bureau

Sessions are held at the Rest Centre, Bishop's Place, Paignton from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except at week-ends. Facilities for Marriage Guidance can be arranged.

Infertility and Family Planning Clinics

Clinic sessions at 14 Midvale Road, Paignton are held regularly by the Torbay Branch of the Family Planning Association. Interviews are arranged by appointment. Telephone Paignton 43343 between 9 and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Source of Supply

Water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board. In general the water supply to Paignton is derived from two moorland catchment areas known as Holne and Swincombe. Holne is an impounding reservoir of a capacity of 190,000,000 gallons and Swincombe is a river intake which is piped to Holne via a 24 inch diameter bitumen lined steel main.

During the summer months water is also obtained from the South West Devon Water Board's Radial Collector above Totnes Weir, and is pumped to Paignton through a 15 inch diameter concrete lined main.

Treatment

All the water is treated with chlorine before use, and where necessary it is also filtered or undergoes pH correction.

Quality

Regular testing showed that the water was of excellent quality. A total of 84 samples comprising 38 from reservoirs and 46 from taps was examined.

Chemical

The result of a chemical analysis of the treated water on 2nd March 1966, taken from a storage tank in a nursing home, was as follows:-

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Appearance:	Bright with a few particles
Colour:	11 (Hazen scale)
Turbidity:	Less than 3 units (A. P. H. A.)
Odour:	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide:	Trace
Electric Conductivity:	40
Chlorine present as Chloride:	5
Dissolved Solids dried at 180°:	28
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate:	5
Hardness: Total:	10
Carbonate:	5
Non-Carbonate:	5
Nitrate Nitrogen:	0.0
Nitrite Nitrogen:	Absent
*Ammoniacal Nitrogen:	0.01
*Albuminoid Nitrogen:	0.01
Oxygen absorbed:	0.90
Residual Chlorine:	Absent
Metals: Iron:	0.06
Zinc:	Absent
Copper:	0.03
Lead:	Absent
Manganese:	Absent
Hydrogen Ion Concentration equivalent to pH	7.3

*To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from metals apart from very minute traces of iron and copper. The water is very soft in character and has a fairly low content of mineral and saline constituents. It is of a high standard of organic quality.

These results indicate a water which, from the aspect of the chemical analysis, is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for drinking and domestic uses. The very minute traces of iron and copper in this sample would be insufficient to cause brown or green staining.

A fluoride estimation done some years ago showed that the water contained 0.096 parts per million of natural fluoride - less than one tenth of the recommended amount.

The treated water is not plumbosolvent.

REFUSE, SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINAGE

Refuse collection and Disposal

Household refuse is collected weekly, free of charge. A charge is made for the collection of trade refuse and any additional collection from private households.

It is disposed of by controlled tipping in part of the Clennon Valley. This is part of a long term plan to reclaim land which will ultimately be used for sporting facilities.

Sewage Disposal

Sewage flows to the sewage pumping station in the Clennon Valley, whence it is pumped into a trunk sewer which discharges into the English Channel off Sharkham Point, Brixham (outside Torbay). No foul sewers from Paignton discharge into Torbay.

Public Conveniences

Free hand washing facilities are provided at 12 men's and 14 women's conveniences out of a total of 19 men's and 19 women's conveniences in the District.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Drainage and Sewerage Inspections

244 new dwellings were completed during the year and considerable time was given to the supervision of the design and construction of drainage systems. The tests and inspections carried out are classified as follows:-

New Buildings

Sewer connections inspected	...	70
Tests of drainage	...	882

Existing Buildings

Sewer connections inspected	...	3
Tests of drainage	...	269

Choked Drains and Sewers

Informal action was taken in 102 instances to secure clearance of obstructions.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

Treatment was carried out for the following reasons:-

Miscellaneous	34	Infectious Disease	2
Deaths	3		

6 articles were treated as follows:-

4 Blankets, 1 Sleeping Bag and 1 coat were disinfected.

Camping Sites

There were 41 sites occupied during the year by tents, caravans and chalets. Three sites, Waterside, Grange Court and Bay Tree Cottage site are owned by the Paignton Council.

284 visits were made to the camping sites during the year. With generally good co-operation from those concerned, improvement in general facilities for the camper continues.

A survey was made during the last week in July and first week in August and gave the following figures:-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Number of Campers	19,254	21,177
Number of Caravans	2,712	2,732
Number of Huts and Chalèts	980	986
Number of Tents	1,872	2,235

Swimming Pools

There are six swimming pools at holiday camps, two at hotels and five at schools in the Urban Area. All are equipped with filtration and chlorination apparatus.

Swimming Pool Samples

Nine samples of swimming pool water were tested bacteriologically. Eight of the samples were satisfactory. One was unsatisfactory but was subsequently remedied by increased chlorination.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Three persons are registered as Dealers in Scrap Metal in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Infestation Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, ten per cent of the sewers in the District are test-baited annually. From evidence based on the results of this test two maintenance tests were carried out in the early spring and autumn.

The tests emphasise that very few rats are to be found in the sewers in the elevated parts of the town. Takes were recorded in the sewers in the low-lying parts and although it does not seem possible to eradicate the rats completely from this area, there is no evidence to show that their numbers are increasing.

Treatments to private houses were free of charge, but a charge is made for treating business premises.

The following Table summarises the incidence of infestation and action taken and is based on returns submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

<u>PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS</u>	<u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u>	
	<u>Non Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in District	13,307	46
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) Inspected following notification	292	4
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	178	2
(ii) Mice	16	0
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	270	5
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	9	0
(ii) Mice	2	0

Sewers infested by rats during the year Yes.

Wasp Nests

50 wasp nests were destroyed.

HOUSING ACTS

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT

Inspections

A total of 134 premises was inspected for housing defects or statutory nuisances under the Housing Acts or Public Health Acts, and 38 notices were served. The number of inspections made for this purpose was 202. The work was carried out following the service of Informal Notices.

HOUSING PROGRESS DURING 1966

The Housing Officer has supplied information on which the following report on Council Houses is based.

New Properties

Two old persons bungalows were completed at Kings Ash during October. The photograph shows 10 houses and 20 Old Age Pensioner Flats nearing completion in December 1966 at Underidge Drive.

Council Houses

Allocations were made for the following reasons:-

Overcrowded Conditions	8	Court Orders	3
Unsuitable Conditions	9	Transfers	32
Health Reasons	4	Miscellaneous Reasons	14
		Staff	1

Housing Estates

The Council's properties are situated in the following areas of the town:-

Clifton Rise	12
Colley End	13
Foxhole	768
Kings Ash	29
Maidenway	47
Preston	130
St. Michael's	169
Stanley Gardens	62
Tweenaway	202
Miscellaneous localities	15
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	1,447
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Housing Waiting List

The Housing List was revised at the end of the year and was as follows:-

General Waiting List	313
Pensioners	211
Short List	27
Applicants with under five years residential qualification	76

The total being 627 persons.



Photo: S. H. Bone

Houses and Old People's Flats
nearing completion at Underidge Drive, Paignton

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

There are 141 vendors and 4 manufacturers registered for the sale or manufacture of ice cream. The types of premises retailing this commodity are as follows:-

Grocers	22	Holiday Camp Stores	14
Greengrocers/Fruiterers	12	Garage Sales Shops	2
Confectioners	57	Snack Bars	11
General Stores	6	Cinemas	2
Kiosks	15	Theatres	2
Multiple Store	1	Bingo Hall	1

of the four ice cream manufacturers two manufacture by hot mix, and two by cold mix.

Samples

25 samples of ice cream were tested bacteriologically. 15 of these samples were placed in Grade I (satisfactory), 2 in Grade II (only fair), 6 in Grade III (unsatisfactory) and 2 in Grade IV (very bad).

Unsound Food

The total amount of food condemned was approximately twenty-five hundred weights. The types of food are listed below:-

Canned and Preserved Food

Meat	196 cans	Milk Puddings	35 cans
Fish	46 cans	Preserves	9 cans
Fruit	1,152 cans	Fruit Juice	14 cans
Vegetables	334 cans	Soup	3 cans
Nuts	1 can	Cream	20 cans
		Milk	22 cans

Other Foods

Meat	491 lb	Ice Cream	240 lb
Fish	49 lb	Cauliflowers	99 lb
Mincemeat	29 lb	Cheese	10 lb
		Mustard & Cress	242 pannets

Due to a refrigeration breakdown 266 packets of frozen foods were condemned.

Condemned foodstuffs were disposed of under supervision at the Council's refuse tip.

Food Samples sent for Analysis

The Public Health Inspector of the Devon County Council in accordance with the authority given by the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, caused the following samples to be analysed during the year:-

Baking powder	Haliborange tablets
Malt vinegar	Lemon cheese
Cystitis mixture	Yeast tablets
Pork sausages	Blackcurrant pie filling
Red Salmon	Apricot wine
Chicken paste	Savoury minced steak (2 samples)
Mixed Dried Fruit	Lemon meringue pie
Canadian red apples	Blackcurrant drink
Canary Island tomatoes	Puff pastry mix
Corn oil margarine	Pork sausages
Lemon curd	Tip Top fruit topping
Tomato ketchup (2 samples)	Cheddar cheese, N. Z.
Butterscotch	Tinned cream
Jiffi-Jelli	Creamed rice milk pudding
Blackcurrant drink	Sponge cake mix
Gin	Orange marmalade flavoured with Cointreau
American lard	Stick of rock
Butter	Margarine
Lard	Apricot chutney
Lemon Pie filling	Double Devon cream
Danish lard	Dandelion coffee
Milk loaf	Beef curry
Nestles Milo	Corned mutton (tinned)
Canned steak & kidney pie	Milk
Tamar Valley cheese spread	Symbol Maryland cookie
Ice cream (5 samples)	Tartare sauce
Parmesan cheese	
Full cream condensed milk	

All the above samples were found to be genuine.

Bottle of milk containing a clothes peg (warning letter).

Packet of frozen peas containing a slug (warning letter).

Inspection of Food Premises

A summary of types of food premises and inspections carried out is as follows:-

<u>Number of Premises</u>		<u>Number of Inspections</u>
46	Restaurants/Cafes/Snack Bars	101
300	Hotels, Boarding Houses	65
3	Holiday Camp Kitchens	1
6	Staff Canteens	3
24	Baker/Confectioners, Bakehouses	16
84	General Grocers, Greengrocers	134
28	Butchers, Cooked Meats	68
4	Ice Cream Manufacturers	7
13	Fishmongers/Fryers	45
6	Shellfish Dealers/Processors	9
59	Licensed Premises	18
2	Beer and Mineral Water Bottlers	2
9	Wines and Spirits Merchants	2
60	Confectioners	11
1	Wholesale Confectioners	1
21	Kiosks, Refreshment Huts	18
3	Mobile Shops	2
4	Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers	11
1	Milk Depot	1
	Inspections of food delivery vehicles	22
2	Multiple Stores	16

A total of 75 notices was served.

Other Food Premises

46 Premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

Bakehouses	10	Fish Fryers	8
Butchers	24	Grocers	3
		Small Goods Factory	1

Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

The Public Health Inspectors attended the Torquay Abattoir on two days a week giving a total of 100 days attendance for the year.

SHELLFISH

Samples of Crab Meat

Twelve samples of crab meat, both white and brown, were taken during the year. Three of the samples were satisfactory, seven were fair the remainder did not attain the required standard.

SECTION D

MISCELLANEOUS ACTS

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There was no serious smoke nuisance in the area during the period under review, and minor infringements were remedied informally.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are four premises licensed under the above Act.

RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951

Three premises are registered under the Act. No premises are licensed for the manufacture or storage of Rag Flock.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

The Council is responsible for the administration of the whole of the provisions of the Shops Act.

Informal action was taken in respect of Seven reported infringements of closing hours. There are 601 shop premises in the area.

One Order made by the Devon County Council has been adopted by this Council thus continuing a policy that has been in operation since 1912. This Order, made under Section 40, suspends the weekly half-holiday closing during the four months June to September.

The Council by an Order made under Section 41 of the Act substituted the hour of 9.30 p.m. for the general closing hours. The Order is applicable to part of the Urban District and is operative for the four months June to September each year.

Sunday Trading Order, 1962

In 1962 a further Order made under Section 51 of the Shops Act, 1950, permitted certain Sunday trading within parts of the Urban District on eighteen specified Sundays.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There are two premises licensed under this Act, and both are managed in a satisfactory manner.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

This Act came into operation on 1st April, 1965. Satisfactory Veterinary Reports were received in respect of four premises which were licensed under the above Act.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

5 Farm Inspections were carried out under this Act.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 AND 1936

63 licenses to store 418,196 gallons of petroleum were issued.

Three new tanks were installed and tested during the year the capacity being 1 x 4,000, 1 x 2,000 and 1 x 3,000. Three tanks came into disuse, two were filled in with concrete and one with water.

EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 AND 1923

35 licenses were issued for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives:-

Explosives in magazine - Mode 'A'	...	1
Shops for the sale of cartridges, Class 6 Division 3	...	6
Shops for the sale of fireworks, Class 7 Division 2	...	27

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following information was included in the Annual Return submitted to H. M. Factory Inspector, Bristol.

498 premises were registered at the end of the year as follows:-

Offices	107
Retail Shops	325
Wholesale Shops/Warehouses	15
Catering Establishments open to the Public/Canteens	51
Fuel Storage Depots	0

75 inspections were made during the year and informal notices issued in respect of the following contraventions:-

Cleanliness	1
Overcrowding	2
Temperature	16
Lighting	5
Sanitary Conveniences	8
Washing Facilities	16
Clothing Accommodation	5
Sitting Facilities	0
Eating Facilities	1
Floors, passages and stairs	9
First Aid general provisions	15
Ventilation	2
Supply of drinking water	1
Abstract exhibited	13

SECTION E

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

URBAN DISTRICT OF PAIGNTON

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1966. A total of 32 inspections was made in respect of 172 premises listed in the Factories Register.

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power: (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6)

Number on Register	...	...	15
Inspections	...	...	2
Written Notices	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	0

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power: (Section 7)

Number on Register	...	...	127
Inspections	...	...	19
Written Notices	...	...	2
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	0

(iii) Other premises under the Act: (Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises.)

Number on Register	...	...	30
Inspections	...	...	11
Written Notices	...	...	0
Occupiers presecuted	...	...	0

2. Cases in which Defects were found

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Defects referred</u>	
			<u>to H. M. Inspector</u>	<u>by H. M. Inspector</u>
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	8	8	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted: Nil.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	4	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	0	0	0	0

(7) There were no prosecutions.

